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Appl. No. : 09/473,683

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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For : ACTIVATION OF MULTIPLE xDSL MODEMS WITH HALF DUPLEX  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following information to the Examiner's attention:

A copy of a Supplemental European Search Report mailed on March 13, 2002 with respect to related European Application No. EP 99 96 7373 is enclosed, in which the following documents are cited:

U.S. Patent No. 4,897,831 to NEGI et al., issued on January 30, 1990, was cited as an X-Category document (i.e., particularly relevant if taken alone) with respect to claims 1, 2, 7-10, 15-18, 22-26, 30-32, 36-38, 40, 41, 43-47, and 49-52 of the European application. This document was also cited as an A-Category document (i.e., technological background) with respect to claims 3, 4, 6, 11-14, 19-21, 27-29, 33-35, 39, 42, and 48 of the European

application. Further, this document was cited as a Y-Category document (i.e., particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category) with respect to claims 5, 6, 11-14, 19-21, 27-29, 33, 39, 42, and 48 of the European application. The Examiner submitted that the Abstract, and column 3, line 34 to column 7, line 65 are relevant;

U.S. Patent No. 5,349,635 to SCOTT, issued on September 20, 1994, was cited as an X-Category document with respect to claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 17, 18, 25, 26, 31, 32, 37, 38, 40, 41, 46, and 47 of the European application. The Examiner indicated that the Abstract, and column 2, line 62 through column 8, line 5 are relevant; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,682,419 to GRUBE et al., issued on October 28, 1997, was cited as a Y-Category document with respect to claims 5, 6, 11-14, 19-21, 27-29, 33, 39, 42, and 48 of the European application. The Examiner indicated that the Abstract; column 3, line 5 through column 4, line 50; and column 18, line 19 through column 19, line 35 are relevant.

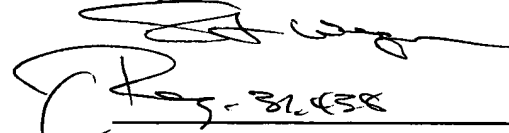
Applicant notes that these documents were previously cited to the Examiner in an Information Disclosure Statement filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 9, 2000. Therefore, a copy of the above-cited documents are not enclosed herewith. However, a copy of the Supplemental European Search Report is enclosed to complete the record. Further, the above-cited documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next

official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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